

SENATE BILL 257: Appropriations Act of 2017, Sec. 11F.14A: Funds to Address North Carolina's Opioid Crisis

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OVERVIEW: Sec. 11F.14A of S.L. 2017-57 requires funds awarded to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Grant Number 1H79TI080257-01 Revised, pursuant to the Notice of Award dated April 26, 2017, to address North Carolina's opioid crisis to be used as follows:

- At least 80% of any such funds used during each fiscal year of the 2017-19 fiscal biennium must be used to increase access to treatment and recovery services for individuals with an opioid use disorder.
- Up to 15% of any such funds used during each fiscal year of the 2017-19 fiscal biennium may be used to increase access to opioid use prevention services.
- Up to 5% of any such funds used during each fiscal year of the 2017-19 fiscal biennium may be spent on administrative costs associated with implementing the above grant award.

DHHS must, at a minimum, achieve the following outcomes as a result of any funds spent:

- Increase the number of individuals receiving opioid use disorder treatment by 9% during each fiscal year of the 2017-19 biennium.
- Increase the capacity of Mediation-Assisted Treatment services by 5% during each year of the 2017-19 fiscal biennium.

DHHS must report specified data to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division by November 1, 2018 and again by November 1, 2019 on the use of the funds.

This section became effective July 1, 2017.